

Goals and Plans for Distribution of Title VI, Part B Funds

The South Dakota Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) is committed to ensuring that rehabilitation services are made available on a statewide basis to individuals with the most significant disabilities who have not traditionally been competitively employed or for whom competitive employment has been interrupted or intermittent. These services are available through the Supported Employment Program.

South Dakota SBVI's annual allotment of Title VI-B funds is \$6,000. Over 95% of the Title VI-B funds are spent for consumer services with less than 5% of Title VI-B funds spent for administrative costs. Supported employment funds are not expended until individuals with the most significant disabilities have been determined eligible for the 110 Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Expenditures exceeding the Title VI-B allotment are covered with funds from the 110 Program.

During FFY 2009, SBVI estimates that a total of 5 eligible consumers will be served using our allotted Title VI Part B Supported Employment funds. The Division will continue to expend over 95% of the Title VI-B funds on direct services for supported employment consumers. Supported employment funds will be authorized to providers of the consumer's choice. The amount of funds authorized will be based upon the individual's needs, type of placement, hours, and type of employment.

During the next fiscal year, the Division plans to distribute the Title VI-B funds through the fee for service system. This allows consumers who have greater needs to receive the level of services necessary to help them obtain supported employment services. This system will help promote the employment of individuals with the most severe disabilities.

State Unified Plan

As per the "Vision and Goals" section of the State Unified Plan, this attachment to the SBVI Vocational Rehabilitation state plan details SBVI's goals and plans for the distribution of supported employment funds. These goals and plans specifically deal with the accomplishment of the vision and goals statement in the South Dakota Unified Plan.

Public vocational rehabilitation is a full partner in the development and implementation of the South Dakota career center system. This attachment details goals and plans for public vocational rehabilitation in achieving objectives for consumers served under Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act and outlines the provision of necessary supports and training to all individuals with disabilities served by this State Unified Plan who are not consumers of vocational rehabilitation. The DSU extends expertise at the state and local level to workforce partners and the Workforce Development Council in issues related to supported employment to include natural supports and identification of long term supports.